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Sir:

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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,963,264 issued October 5, 1999 to Jackson
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 6,147,715 issued November 14, 2000 to Yuen et al.
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 B1 issued January 23, 2001 to Alexander et al.

4. U.S. Patent No. 6,192,187 B1 issued February 20, 2001 to Kinghorm.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents cited herein. Applicants further request that a copy of the Form PTO-1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

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